IRPAC Conversion Presentation

Year 2000 Project Office

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- **Established by CIO, Arthur Gross**
- **Direct the identification & conversion of all IRS computer systems by 1/31/1999**
- **Second in priority only to tax law changes**
- **Well-defined, structured methods and segmented deployment schedule**

Year 2000 Compliant Format

- **Expand all 2-digit year fields to 4-digits--YYYY**
- **Expand all 6-digit dates to 8-digits**
- **Standard Format--YYYYMMDD**
- **Mandatory for the Payer Community**
- **Tax Year 1998**

What Forms are Affected?

- **1098**
- **5498**
- **5498MSA**
- **W-2G**
- **1042S**
- **W-4**

- **1099-A, B, C**
- **1099-DIV, INT**
- **1099-G, R, S**
- **1099-LTC**
- **1099-MISC**
- **1099-MSA**
- **1099-OID**
- **1099-PATR**

Year 2000 Project Goals

- **IRS systems compliant by Jan. 31, 1999**
- **IRS will convert, retire, or replace all its systems by 19990131**
- **All main tax processing systems will convert by July, 1998**
- **All converted code will use 4-digit years explicitly, (no internal calculations)**

What Year 2000 Problem?

- **Most IT systems store only the last two digits of the year field**
  - Will not calculate, sequence, or sort dates correctly
- **COTS products, systems software, telecomm, & hardware are unknowns**
- **External interfaces introduce potential risks**

Risks & Impacts

"Three Certainties:

- **Death**
- **Taxes**
- **Year 2000"**

--the Gartner Group

Risks: technical, legal, business

- **Resources**
- **Hardware**
- **Data exchanges**
- **Telecomm**
- **COTS**

Non-IS Issues

- **Facilities**
  - Building access/Security Issues
  - Elevators
- **Suppliers**
- **Public Utilities**

Summary

Project Deadline Can Not Slip

IRS and its External Trading Partners
  Must Share Vision

Implement Year 2000 Solution